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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : Policy on Dissemination of CIA Translations

1. Para. 4 of this action memorandum requests your approval of a policy to control dissemination to the public of CIA translations and related reference aids.

2. The recent decision of the DCI to declassify certain Foreign Documents Division publications (e.g. Consolidated Translations Survey) and to permit their dissemination with CIA attribution has stimulated requests from colleges, libraries and business firms for access to these publications or for copies of them. Basic policy decisions are required in view of current and related actions being taken by the Department of Commerce and other government agencies having responsibility for making this type of material available to the public. The following policy is proposed pursuant to AD/CR responsibility under paras. 2 and 3h of CIA Regulation [REDACTED]

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3. Policy

a. General

CIA will make available to the public the maximum amount of its own and sponsored translations and related materials of an unclassified nature.

b. Attribution to CIA

Attribution to CIA is not prohibited, but will be avoided, particularly with reference to translations produced outside the Agency under contract [REDACTED]

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c. Dissemination to the Public

CIA will not disseminate its materials directly to the public, but will cooperate with interested government agencies to effect dissemination through their channels

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(e.g. Library of Congress, National Science Foundation, Department of Commerce). CIA will not print nor will it underwrite the cost of reproduction of copies disseminated to the public. This shall not preclude selected direct dissemination by Agency officials to members of the public or press in the interest of public relations or for operational purposes [REDACTED]

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4. Recommendations

- a. That you approve the policy set forth in para. 3 above.
- b. That AD/CR be directed to implement the above policy.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF

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Sinclair Weeks, Secretary

Washington 25, D. C.

Office of the Secretary

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COMMERCE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES SERVICES OF NEW FOREIGN TECHNICAL INFORMATION CENTER

Secretary of Commerce Sinclair Weeks announced today a Foreign Technical Information Center is now operating in the U. S. Department of Commerce to provide American science and industry with access to translations of a large amount of Soviet technical information.

The Center is a part of the Office of Technical Services, Business and Defense Services Administration, with John C. Green as Director of OTS.

"This new program will add substantially to the wealth of technical information that OTS can supply to industry in any field," Secretary Weeks said.

"The OTS is already well equipped to conduct such a program. Since 1945 it has been collecting, cataloging and publishing reports resulting from U. S. Government-sponsored research.

"Also, immediately following World War II the Office acquired, cataloged and published the large volume of technical papers captured by the Allies in Germany. Its services were materially strengthened in 1955 when arrangements were made with the Atomic Energy Commission for the prompt release through OTS of a much larger volume of AEC material than OTS had handled in the past. In recent years sales of reports have registered substantial annual increases."

The services of the Foreign Technical Information Center include publication of abstracts of all articles appearing in 141 Soviet technical journals, translations of important sections of Referativny Zhurnal (the Russians' own abstract journal), and a semi-monthly review of various areas of Soviet science compiled by the Central Intelligence Agency. Abstracts of each issue of the 141 journals may be purchased from OTS on a subscription or single issue basis, as may CIA's Scientific Information Report. The various sections of Referativny Zhurnal will be sold initially by single issues, but subscription sales may be offered later.

OTS will soon begin distributing complete translations of articles and books, Director Green said. Translations will be listed in an abstract journal to begin publication about September.

Much of the material collected by OTS still is from Government sources, principally the intelligence agencies. This volume is estimated to be 100,000

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abstracts and 10,000 complete translations a year. Eventually, material from other sources is expected to be added to the collection. This will provide a central point to which science and industry may look for comprehensive information on Soviet bloc developments, Mr. Green stated.

Congress appropriated \$510,000 for the operation of the foreign information program in fiscal 1959. Functions of the program are to catalog, print, and sell abstracts and complete translations of foreign technical documents.

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PUBLICATIONS OF THE FOREIGN TECHNICAL INFORMATION CENTER

GENERAL

PB 131891T Scientific Information Report. Issued semi-monthly, \$20 a year, \$2.75 single issue. A general review of current Soviet scientific developments compiled by the Central Intelligence Agency.

ABSTRACT JOURNALS

Referativnyi Zhurnal (Russian abstract journal). Translated sections of the biology, chemistry, and physics series are available. Write to OTS for monthly price list.

ABSTRACTS OF SOVIET TECHNICAL PERIODICALS

All articles in each issue of the following publications are abstracted in English on abstract cards. Abstract cards may be purchased on a subscription basis at the prices indicated. Abstracts of a single issue of any publication are 50 cents per set.

Aeronautics

PB 141078T Civil Aviation. Monthly, \$6 a year.

PB 141079T News of Institutes of Higher Learning of the Ministry of Higher Education, USSR. Aircraft Construction. Quarterly, \$2 a year.

PB 141080T Wings of the Nation. Monthly, \$6 a year.

PB 141081T Herald of the Air Fleet. Monthly, \$6 a year.

Astronomy

PB 141028T Astronomical Journal. Bi-monthly, \$3 a year.

PB 141029T Astronomical Circular. Irregular, averaging 10 issues a year, \$5 a year.

PB 141030T Journal of Abstracts, Astronomy and Geodesy. Monthly, \$6 a year.

PB 141031T News of the Academy of Sciences of the USSR. Mathematics Series. Bi-monthly, \$3 a year.

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